

KU Youth Chorus

Information for the 2013-2014 Year

Purpose:

The KU Youth Chorus (KUYC) is a group of nonauditioned singers in grades **four through eight** who will meet once a week for rehearsals and perform an informal concert in early May. The purpose of the chorus is to provide a singing experience for interested children and to offer KU undergraduate and graduate music education majors opportunities to enhance their conducting and rehearsal skills. Therefore, KUYC will function as a laboratory chorus, not as a touring and recording group.

Who Can Join:

Any interested child in grades four through eight may become a member of our group. There will not be any auditions associated with KUYC. For registration, (a) both the child and a parent or parent representative (grandparent, close friend, or guardian) must attend the initial meeting on October 24; (b) the cost of membership is \$65 for the KUYC calendar year, October through May; (c) members are expected to have regular attendance at rehearsals and participate in the concert, to be well disciplined so that the chorus can function optimally, and to positively contribute to KUYC. In return, what parents can expect is that all members will be treated with respect, that the standards for the chorus will be at a high level musically and in terms of discipline, and that all adults associated with KUYC will be responsible and professional.

Rehearsal Schedule:

KUYC will rehearse on Thursdays from 4:30-5:45 PM in the choral rehearsal room (third floor of Murphy). KUYC members are expected to arrive before 4:30. We ask that all snacks and non-water beverages be consumed prior to rehearsal. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

October 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21 (no rehearsal on the 28th: Thanksgiving)

December 5, 12, 19 (* Friday, December 20 we perform for the Chancellor's Holiday Reception from 3:30-5 PM, place yet to be determined but on the campus)

January 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20 (no rehearsal on the 27th due to professional obligations)

March 6, 13, 27 (no rehearsal on the 20th due to spring break)

April 3, 10, 17, 24

May 1

*** Concert during rehearsal time on May 8 at 5 PM**

Parking Information:

Parents are encouraged to use either free parking in the lot just west of the Fieldhouse parking garage (and east of Burge Union) or the parking garage (located west of Murphy Hall). A ticket is issued upon entry into the garage and a payment/token machine is on the main floor of the garage. Parking is \$1.75 per hour.

Concert Schedule:

One informal concert will be scheduled in the choral rehearsal room in Murphy Hall for 5:00 on May 8 (children will arrive by 4:30 in preparation for this). The concert is free and open to the public. We encourage KUYC members to invite their families, teachers, and friends.

Rehearsal Location:

The choral rehearsal room is #328, located close to the stairs and elevator on the third floor of Murphy Hall.

Conductor/Director:

Dr. Debra Hedden, Associate Professor of Music Education and Music Therapy at KU is the chief director. She has many years of experience teaching elementary general music in Iowa schools, as a music faculty member at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) where she also served as Chair of Music Education, and ten years' experience as a faculty member at KU. For more information about her, please see <http://music.ku.edu/programs/memt/faculty/>. Student conductors are undergraduate and graduate students in music education at KU.

Registration Information:

All KUYC members must be registered to participate in KUYC. Membership will be restricted to 75 members, therefore, registration is on a first-come basis. Parents should be prepared to write a check to KU Youth Chorus (KUYC) for \$60 for registration on October 24 at the opening rehearsal. A parent meeting will be conducted at that time with the registered child present. Additional information will be disseminated at that meeting.

Registration can be accomplished by emailing Debra Hedden at dhedden@ku.edu. Registration is considered complete when the parent receives email or phone confirmation from her. The following information is necessary for registration:

- (a) child's first and last name,
- (b) parent's first and last name,
- (b) address,
- (c) daytime, nighttime, and cell phone numbers of the parent,
- (d) email address of parent,
- (e) name and phone number of contact person in the event of an emergency,
- (f) child's age,
- (g) child's gender,
- (h) child's grade level in school,
- (i) child's school (please include the city if it not Lawrence)
- (j) important medical information that the director needs to know when working with the child.

No refunds for registration will be made after the first rehearsal since music literature and folders will already have been purchased.

For questions, please contact:

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